



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Kouichi TAKAMINE : Confirmation Number: 9422  
Application No.: 10/043,246 : Group Art Unit: 2153  
Filed: January 14, 2002 : Examiner: Aaron N. Strange

For: OUTPUT TIME MANAGEMENT APPARATUS AND OUTPUT TIME MANAGEMENT METHOD

STATUS INQUIRY

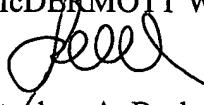
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on January 14, 2002. Since more than two years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed in the above-assigned group art unit on or before March 11, 2002 should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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